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ABSTRACT

This annotated bibliography focuses on, but is not limited to, reference sources on education found in the library at St. Bonaventure University, New York. The ERIC database leads the list of leading education reference sources. Also mentioned are the "Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors" and the Academic Index (InfoTrak) computer system. Other references are grouped as follows: (1) major guides to publications (3 sources); (2) encyclopedias (3 sources); (3) handbooks (11 sources); (4) resource guides (7 sources); (5) dictionaries (3 sources); (6) material on statistics (4 references); (7) university and college guides (6 sources); (8) directories (4 sources); (9) international education (5 sources); and (10) biographical sources (4 references). (SLD)

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THESAURUS OF ERIC DESCRIPTORS. If you are not sure of the precise heading while you are using ERIC, use this key to subject headings.

ACADEMIC INDEX(InfoTrak) COMPUTER SYSTEM(in the reference area). While ERIC is our primary computer-based system to learn about publications in education, this sometimes is very useful. Academic Index will search through hundreds of magazines for your topic. You can do a key word search as well as a subject search. Included in its great range of many hundreds of magazines covered are ones in education and psychology, which can make it a worthwhile source, for example, on psychological tests.

MAJOR GUIDES TO PUBLICATIONS

EDUCATION INDEX(index unit 7). In format like Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, this covers hundreds of education magazines, many of them in our library. This is quite convenient for some subjects, as instructional material on topics like "summer" and "whales," or for subjects that will turn up overwhelming numbers of publications on Eric. However, those wishing the fullest range of information may also wish to check ERIC, mentioned above.

PSYCHOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS(index units 3 and 4). This massive guide to publications in psychology can be useful for educational-related psychological topics, such as child development, testing, motivation, and school psychology. Unfortunately, we have only a minority of the publications in our library that are covered.

CATHOLIC PERIODICAL AND LITERATURE INDEX(index unit 2). This can be useful for religion-related topics, as parochial schools, religious education, and sex education.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EDUCATION(Ref LB 15 .I569). This 10-volume publication covers problems, practices and institutions on all levels of education and in all countries. It covers a wide range of topics, such as autuism, bilingual education, note taking, and intelligence. In the face of the knowledge explosion, this encyclopedia was prepared to put the reader in touch with current knowledge. Bibliographies at the ends of articles can be helpful. Also of occasional use as a general educational encyclopedia is the older Encyclopedia of Education(1971)(Ref LB 15 .E47), which covers history, theory, research, and philosophy of education.

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ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH(Ref LB 15 .E48). This 4-volume encyclopedia aims at reviewing research and showing its implication on practice. This provides wide-ranging coverage of issues, as reflected in articles like "Attendance Policy," "Media Use in Education," "Competency Testing," and "Mathematics Education." Its articles have extensive bibliographies.

INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HIGHER EDUCATION(Ref LB 15 .I57) This 10-volume publication aims at covering all aspects of higher education. It provides articles on topics like childhood education, adult illiteracy, renumeration, and mathematics as a field of study. Bibliographies at the ends of articles can be worth consulting. This encyclopedia has broad overviews of international aspects of a topic rather than in-depth coverage of U.S. practices, for which our handbooks (which are reviewed in the next section here) might be better.

HANDBOOKS

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SECONDARY SCHOOLS, JUNIOR COLLEGES(Ref LB 1771 .R4).

AMERICAN EDUCATOR'S ENCYCLOPEDIA(Ref LB 15 .D37). This one-volume publication provides 2000 short articles on specific topics, names, and terms, like "Diagnostic Tests," "Silent Reading," and "Migrant Education."

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION(Ref LB 1139.25 .E53).

INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF TEACHING AND TEACHER EDUCATION(in circulating stacks--LB 17 .I56). Has short meaty chapters on many topics; deals with such areas of concern as teaching methods, classroom processes, etc.

HANDBOOK OF RESEARCH ON THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN(Ref LB 1119 .H25). This covers up to grade 8. Has sections on subjects like reading, math, parents, and multiculturalism.

HANDBOOK OF RESEARCH ON TEACHING(Ref LB 1028 .H315).

INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CURRICULUM(Ref LB 1570 .I5676). This is particularly important when it comes to countries and subjects. Articles refer reader to relevant literature.

CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SPECIAL EDUCATION(Ref LC 4007 .E53 1990). This provides very wide-ranging coverage of problems, techniques, ideas, history, etc. Some articles conclude with bibliographies.

HANDBOOK OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY(Ref LB 1051 .H2356). This 1000 page book covers areas like therapies for children, discipline, psychological and educational assessment, and legal rights of children.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION(Ref LB 2805 .E53). Covers all aspects of planning and management in schools.

HANDBOOK OF EDUCATIONAL SUPERVISION(Ref LB 2805 .M283). Provides practical

information on supervisory topics, such as staff development and improving teaching.

RESOURCE GUIDES

Books identified in these guides might be available on ERIC microfiche, if they are not available in our regular book stacks.

FILM & VIDEO FINDER(Ref LB 1044 Z9 F58). Identifies films and videotapes.

GUIDE TO SOURCES OF EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION(Ref L 11 .W66). The wide-ranging concerns of education are reflected in this book, which shows where to look for information on a topic of interest. Also of possible use is American Education; a Guide to Information Sources(Ref LA 210 .D87).

A BIBLIOGRAPHIC GUIDE TO EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH(Ref LB 17 .B39). This book identifies and annotates 700 publications providing information on many education topics.

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL HISTORY(Ref LA 212 .B5). This book identifies magazine articles and books in many areas, such as the teaching profession, Church and state, and immigrant education. It identifies many items before ERIC coverage begins in the 1960s. The Rise of American Education(Ref L 11 .P28) also might prove helpful.

READING IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS(Ref LB 1050 .S29). Published in 1980, this is still useful when it comes to learning about pertinent research.

A SUBJECT BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION(Ref LA 226 .B37). This book identifies magazine articles and books on many particular topics, as "Dormitories," "Mathematics," and "Basketball." A good proportion of the publications identified came out before ERIC coverage began.

U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION: A GUIDE TO INFORMATION SOURCES(Ref LA 227.3 .P35). This publication identifies books on a very wide range of subjects.

DICTIONARIES

DICTIONARY OF EDUCATION, by Carter Good(Ref LB 15 .G6). The most valued educational dictionary, this book covers professional and technical terms and concepts. It was prepared by a team of experts.

FACTS ON FILE DICTIONARY OF EDUCATION(Ref LB 15 .S43).

DICTIONARY OF READING AND RELATED TERMS(Ref LB 1049.98 .D53). This covers terms in 54 disciplines that deal in some way with reading.

STATISTICS

DIGEST OF EDUCATION STATISTICS(Ref L 111 .A65). This annual covers all levels of education from prekindergarten to graduate school.

THE CONDITION OF EDUCATION(Ref L 112 .N377a). This annual is filled with statistical information on all levels of education, from prekindergarten to graduate school. Information in this annual series differs each year to bring out new information.

PROJECTIONS OF EDUCATION STATISTICS(Ref LA 210 .A28). Each annual volume makes projections ten years ahead for things like enrollment, expenditures, and salaries. This publication covers all levels of education, from kindergarten to graduate school.

CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION(in periodicals department). This weekly education newspaper, which is located in the periodicals department, has numerous articles containing statistics for U.S. institutions of higher education. To see if there is a statistical article on your subject, look under that subject in Education Index, located in index unit 7, or use ERIC.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE GUIDES

PETERSON'S GUIDE TO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES(Ref L 901 .P447). Has about a page for each college. There is an index in front showing which colleges have particular majors.

PETERSON'S GRADUATE PROGRAMS(Ref LB 2371 .P4852). This multivolume publication is organized by field of study--it shows what universities have programs for that field and also provides information about each school's program.

COLLEGE BLUE BOOK(Ref LA 226 .C685). This multivolume set provides narrative descriptions of colleges, shows which ones provide particular majors, and includes state maps pinpointing colleges' locations.

COMPARATIVE GUIDE TO AMERICAN COLLEGES(Ref L 901 .C819). Has information for every accredited college and university. The selectivity guide in front can be useful.

INDEX OF MAJORS(Ref L 901 .C774). This book is organized by major, showing which colleges and universities have that major. Warning: since there has never been a complete guide to where majors are offered; other lists should be consulted by those who wish fullest information on where a major is available. Other books on shelf near this book also may identify schools providing the major you are interested in.

COLLEGE CATALOG COLLECTION(on microfiche--ask for schools you want at periodicals service window). This collection of thousands of microfiche provides the actual undergraduate and graduate catalogs; it even has ones for some major universities in Europe. These are on microfiche. Ask for the one for the school you want at the rear periodicals service window.

WE ALSO HAVE GUIDES TO SOME TYPES OF PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS, as medical schools, business schools, law schools, and psychology programs. Check library's subject catalog under type.

DIRECTORIES

PATTERSONS' AMERICAN EDUCATION(Ref L 901 .P3) and PATTERSONS' ELEMENTARY EDUCATION(Ref L 901 .P33). These two annuals supply addresses and sometimes other information for schools in the United States.

DIRECTORY OF POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS(Ref L 901 .E34). This is good as a quick source for addresses. Those wishing fuller information about colleges and universities may wish to use the publications in the preceding section of this guide.

DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATORS IN NEW YORK STATE(Ref LB 2803 .N65) and DIRECTORY OF NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATORS; NEW YORK STATE(Ref LC 50 .N4). These two annual series have some information not in Pattersons' directories (identified two entries earlier on here), including telephone numbers of New York schools.

HANDBOOK OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS(Ref L 901 .H3).

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

WORLD EDUCATION ENCYCLOPEDIA(Ref LB 15 .K79). This has articles covering education in every country in the world.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF COMPARATIVE EDUCATION AND NATIONAL SYSTEMS OF EDUCATION(Ref LB 43 .E53). Provides articles on education in different countries. There is an initial, shorter section of articles on comparative education.

HANDBOOK OF WORLD EDUCATION(Ref LB 43 .H36). Coverage is country by country. Provides to 10 pages for each country.

INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EDUCATION(Ref LB I5 .I569) and INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HIGHER EDUCATION(Ref LB I5 .I57). These two general encyclopedias of education both have articles on education in each country in the world. The second encyclopedia goes up only to the 1970s, when it was published.

WORLD OF LEARNING(Ref AS 2 .W6). This directory covers universities and colleges in every country in the world. Also of possible use is International Handbook of Universities(Ref L 900 .I58).

BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES

CONTEMPORARY AUTHORS(Ref PS 536 .c59). This includes articles on educators and children's writers. This is a massive series of over a hundred volumes. There is a separate index volume, usually located at the end of this set.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE AUTHOR(Ref PN 451 .S6). So far this has more than 50 volumes. Check the index in the back of the last volume to see who is covered in all earlier volumes. Also of possible use for children's writers is Twentieth Century Children's Writers(Ref PN 1009 .A1 T9) and books near this last publication on the shelf.

DIRECTORY OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS(Ref LA 2311 .C32) and NATIONAL FACULTY DIRECTORY(Ref L 901 .N34). These succinctly provide facts about some college and university professors.

BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN EDUCATORS(Ref LA 2311 .B54). This covers figures in U.S. education from colonial times to 1976; includes teachers, theorists, and reformers.